(d) Grants will be sanctioned to the two selected NGOs after the Task Force Committee, set up by the State Government, sends proposals of the selected NGOs to the Ministry of Welfare.

Beggar problem in Delhi

837. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an increase of beggars in the Union Territory of Delhi ;

(b) whether Government have made any survey in this regard ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are poor houses being run by Government to look after them in Delhi ; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to arrange such more poor houses for them in future and what steps are being taken by Government to prevent beggar problem in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) The Government is not aware of any study statistically showing an increase of beggars in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Administration is running 1 beggar Homes with an intake capacity of 2060 persons and a reception-cum-Classification Centre with a capacity of 500 persons.

(d) Against the total intake capacity 2560, the number of beggars living in these homes is 1312. Therefore, there is no proposal at present to construct more mes.

Under a new Central Sector Scheme Beggary Prevention, grant-in-aid is being provided for seting up of Work Centre for importing technical education and vocational training to beggars.

National commission for minorities

838. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up a statutory National Commission for Minorities ;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions as also the composition of the Commission ;

(c) what is the total number of employees in the Commission ;

(d) what is the Budget allocation for this Commission for the current financial year ;

(e) whether Government have received any reports from the Commission ; and

(f) if so, by when this report is likely to be placed before the Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following have been nominated to the National Commission for Minorities constituted on 17-5-1993 under section 3 of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1993 :—

1.	Justice Mohammed Sardar Ali Khan	Chairperson
2.	Prof. M. S. Agwani	Member
3.	Shri John Joseph	Member
4.	Admiral (Retd.) P.K.S. Gandhi	Member
5.	Ven. Dhammaviriyo Mahathero	Member
6.	Shri B.S. Ramoowalia	Member
7.	Shri M. Varadharajan	Member

The Chairperson as well as the Members will hold office for a term of 3 years from the date of their assumption of offices.

(c) The Commission has 62 employees on its rolls.

(d) The Commission has been allocated Rs. 69.00 lakhs for 1993-94.

(e) No reports have so far been received from the recently constituted Commission.

(f) Does not arise.

Physically handicapped employees

839. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2200 given in the Rajya sabha on the 14th May, 1993 and state :

(a) the number of physically handicapped persons employed in Government and public sector undertakings ; and

(b) whether the above number is in line with guidelines issued by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) According to available figures total number of handicapped persons employed through 23 Special Employment Exchanges and 55 Special Cells in the normal Employment Exchanges in Government and Public Sector Undertakings for the last three years is as foo lows 1—

Year	Placement
1990	3939
1991	4599
1992	4302

Besides, Special Recruitment drives were undertaken in 1987, 1988 and 1990 to fill up the backlog of vacancies reserved for visual and hearing handicapped in Group C & D posts through which 1836 persons got employment.

(b) Yes, Sir.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

The Deputy Chairman in the Chair

Notification of the Himachal Pradesh Government (Election Deptt.)

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : Madam, I lay on the Table—

(I) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Himachal Pradesh Government (Election Department) Notification No. 4-1/92-ELN, dated the 15th February, 1992 publishing the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Election Rules, 1991, under sub-section (8) of section 255 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1968 read with sub-clause (iv) of clause (c) of the Proclamation dated the 15th December, 1992 issued by the President in relation to the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(II) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 4164/93)]

I. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1991-92) of the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Bombay and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1991-92 of the National Institute for the Visually Handicapped Dehradun and related papers.